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Contributions from specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 46/116, requested the Secretary-General to prepare a limited number of short, analytical and action-oriented studies on the six objectives of the World Conference on Human Rights, as set out in its resolution 45/155. Moreover, in its decision PC.2/6, entitled "Studies and documentation", the Preparatory Committee took note of the report of the Secretary-General (A/CONF.157/PC.20) in which were indicated the main themes for each of the six proposed studies. In that report, the secretariat stated its intention to request other United Nations bodies working in the field of human rights, the specialized agencies, intergovernmental and regional organizations, national institutions and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the studies within their areas of competence. These inputs would be provided in close cooperation with the Centre for Human Rights and with the secretariat of the World Conference.

2. On 28 September and 9 October 1992, the Secretary-General of the World Conference on Human Rights addressed letters to United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies, requesting them to submit information, in their field of expertise and coinciding with the six objectives, to the Preparatory Committee and to the World Conference itself. These contributions were to be short, analytical and action-oriented in a manner similar to that of the six studies prepared by the secretariat as prescribed by the General Assembly.

3. In response to the letter from the Secretary-General, substantive contributions have been received by the secretariat from the following United Nations bodies and specialized agencies: Centre against Apartheid, Division of Palestinian Rights, Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, United Nations Observer Force in El Salvador, United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Population Fund, United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, Economic and Social Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, International Labour Organisation, United Nations Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization, World Health Organization.

4. These contributions will be issued as addenda to the present document.